

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTFALL IN SUGAR PRODUCTION DUE TO CLOSURE OF MILLS

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sugar mills closed down during the last three years and the current year and the reasons therefor year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the details of shortfall in production of sugar due to closure of the said mills, year-wise
- (c) the number of new sugar mills established during the above period alongwith the location thereof; and
- (d) the details of assistance extended by the Government to revive the closed sugar mills, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) A statement showing state-wise number of sugar mills which remained closed during 2002-2003 to 2005-06 sugar seasons is enclosed at Annexure-I. These sugar mills remained closed or became sick from time to time because of a variety of factors, such as, inadequate cane availability, uneconomical size, old age & bad condition of plant and machinery, technical and managerial incompetence etc.

(b): A statement showing sugar production during 2002-2003 to 2005-2006 is enclosed at Annexure-II. The decline in sugar production during 2003-2004 and 2004-05 seasons was mainly due to draught and woolly aphid infestation in major sugar producing states like Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. During the current 2005-2006 sugar season, the estimated sugar production is 191.00 lakh tones.

(c): The number of year-wise new sugar mills established during 2002-2003 to 2005-2006 is as under:-

Sl. No.	Sugar season	No of new sugar mills established
1	2002-2003	21
2.	2003-2004	12
3.	2004-2005	04
4	2005-2006	15

A statement alongwith addresses of the new established sugar mills is enclosed at Annexure-III.

(d): It is the responsibility of the concerned entrepreneur to take steps to revive the closed sugar mills.